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Assistant Shelby County Attorney Resigns

Mark Allen, the director of litigation for the Shelby County Attorney's Office, has resigned effective Monday, October 1st.

Allen, a part-time county employee, reported directly to Shelby County Attorney Kelly Rayne.

Allen's resignation comes after a recent allegation by an employee in the Shelby County Attorney's Office.

In an ethics complaint filed on September 20th, a person in the Shelby County Attorney's Office was asked to do work on county time associated with Allen's private law practice.

After an administrative review, Allen resigned.

Allen was appointed to be the director of litigation in January of 2011. Before that, he served as Deputy County Attorney for the Shelby County Attorney's Office.

"It's important to note there was no criminal wrong-doing in this matter. Still, it was a violation of a county policy by a senior official," said Shelby County Mayor Mark H. Luttrell, Jr.

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